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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-82 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-82 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Status of the Claims

1. Claims 1-82 are pending.

Election/Restrictions

2. Claim 1 is generic to the following disclosed patentably distinct species:

Antigen bearing target: a tumor antigen, a viral antigen a bacterial antigen, a fungal antigen, a parasite antigen, a prion antigen, an antigen of an autoimmune disease; a tumor cell; a bacterial cell; a cell selected from the group consisting of a fungal cell; a cell of a parasite, a prion; a mammalian cell; an insect cell; and a polypeptide free of other cell-derived material.

Second amino acid: a ligand for a cytokine receptor, a ligand for CD40, a ligand for an adhesion molecule, a ligand for defensin receptor, a ligand for heat shock protein receptor, a ligand for a T cell costimulatory molecule; and a ligand for a counterreceptor for a T cell costimulatory molecule. If Applicant elects a ligand for a cytokine receptor, Applicant is further required to elect one species among the following: GM-CSF; IL-1 to IL-25; interferon alpha, beta and gamma; TNF-alpha; FTL-3; CXC-1, CXC-2, CXCR-3, CXCR-4, CCR-1, CCR-2, CCR-3, CCR-4, CCR-5, CCR-6, CCR-7, CCR-8, 9E3, AMCF, beta-thromboglobulin, ENA-78, eotaxin, eotaxin-2, IP-10, KC, LIX, mig, MGSA, mob-1, NAP-1, MAP-2, NAP-3, NAP-4, PBSF, MGSA, mouse KC, MIP-2, MIP-1 alpha, gcp-2, act-2, c10, Ccf18, DC-CK1, ELC, Exodus, FIC, GDCF, GDCF-2, HC-21, HCC-1, I-309, JE, LAG-1, MARC, MCAF, MCP-1, MCP-2, MCP-3, MCP-4, MRP-2, RANTES SDF, TARC, ATAC, Ltn, SCM-1, and neurotactin.

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3. The species are independent or distinct for the following reason(s):

Broadly, unity of invention exists where compounds included within a Markush group (1) share a common utility, and (2) share a substantial structural feature essential to that utility. In re Harnisch, 631 F.2d 716, 206 USPQ 300 (CCPA 1980); and Ex parte Hozumi, 3 USPQ2d 1059 (Bd. Pat. App. & Int. 1984).

4. In the instant, each of the listed species is structurally very diverse from one another. The structural diversity noted also contributes to the diverse utilities that are noted for each of the listed species. For instance, the species a ligand that is a receptor for interleukin-1 is expected to have different structural characteristics as that of a ligand that is a receptor for a defensin receptor. Furthermore, the utility of a ligand that is receptor for interleukin-1 is to bind to or attract interleukin-1; whereas, the utility of a ligand that is receptor for a defensin receptor is to bind to or attract a defensin receptor. Thus, the claims fail to comply with the Harnisch test for unity of invention.

5. Additionally, because the claims fail to comply with the Harnisch test for unity of invention, Applicant is informed that MPEP 803.02 practice does not apply here.

6. Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species, even though this requirement is traversed. Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

7. Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species.

MPEP § 809.02(a).

8. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

9. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim

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remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Emily Le whose telephone number is (571) 272 0903.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bruce R. Campbell can be reached on (571) 272-0974. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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